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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Jill E. Bocol** (RN00131423) and placed conditions against her license. She failed to comply with prior terms and conditions set against her license.

King County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program amended the statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Ashleigh Futrell** (NC10099613). She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification, and failed to administer medication to a patient.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Vesselina Ivanova** (NC60138500).

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Janet Wanjiku Williams** (NC60058759) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly showed a patient a pornographic image on a cell phone.

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In February 2012 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Beth V. Yost** (RN00156078) on probation for two years. She administered medication without physician authorization.

Lewis County

In February 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified Ona **Ahrens** of intent to issue a cease-and-desist order for practicing as a health care professional without credentials. Allegations include diagnosing and treating conditions, collecting patient medical histories, providing nutritional counseling, and using the initials "C.N.," which indicates certified nutritionist, in her business advertising. She's also known as Ona Harding and Ona Harding-Ahrens.

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Susan M. Smith** (RN00092786) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to transfer care of a patient, failing to inform a patient's physician of a change in condition, and giving a patient morphine without following the physician's order to give the patient nitroglycerin tablets before morphine.

Pacific County

In February 2012 the Midwifery Program charged **Tamra K. Roloff** (MW00000283) with unprofessional conduct. It's alleged that the care she provided fell below the standard, placing the patient at unreasonable risk of harm or injury. Allegations included failing to chart patient care, assess maternal vital signs during labor, address maternal fever in labor, or transferring the patient to a hospital when labor didn't progress.

Pierce County

In February 2012 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Program amended the statement of charges against marriage and family therapist **Heidi Halsey** (LF00001125). When treating a minor patient she allegedly failed to obtain consent from both parents or seek information about medical decisions in the parenting plan, created boundary confusion when treating the parents of the minor, failed to maintain confidentiality between the patients, ended therapy with one of the patients without referring to another therapist, and advertised credentials she didn't have.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs charged registered nursing assistant and health care assistant **Amanda Elizabeth Olmos** (NA60109158, HC60018788) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault.

In February 2012 the Dental Commission ended the probation order against dental assistant **Kim M. Shipman** (D160087419).

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Skagit County

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Laura C. Edwards** (RN00134145) and placed conditions against her license. She took controlled substances that were ready to be wasted for her own use.

Snohomish County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs reinstated the certification and license of **Buba J. Bojang** (NC10026544, HC00143549) and placed his credentials on probation for five years.

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Mamat Cham** (LP00058679) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include releasing students from their clinical work three hours early on many occasions, asking a student personal and inappropriate questions, and making sexual comments to a student.

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Elaine B. Fast** (LP00034908) with unprofessional conduct for failing to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the registration and certification of **Lamin Sonko** (NA60088539, NC10045877) on probation for 60 months. He used another person's identity and certified nursing assistant credential to gain employment.

Spokane County

In February 2012 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Michael Allen Baker** (CH00001832) with unprofessional conduct for failing to comply with terms and conditions set against his license. He's also charged with billing for treatment purportedly provided by an employee after the employee no longer worked at that office, using billing codes not supported by treatment documentation, and treating patients with an expired license.

In February 2012 the Dental Commission released **Jennifer K. Preble** (D260139154), expanded function dental auxiliary credential holder, from terms and conditions set against her credential.

Walla Walla County

In February 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional and Licensed Social Worker Programs charged chemical dependency professional and licensed social worker **Kim E. Funderburk** (CP00005068, LW60020675) with unprofessional conduct. The treatment she provided allegedly fell below the standard, undermining the therapeutic relationships with patients creating a risk of harm to her patients.

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Whatcom County

In February 2012 the Board of Pharmacy granted the application of pharmacist **Michael Alexander Glen** (PH60216257) and placed his license on probation. His license to practice as a pharmacist in California was placed on probation.

Yakima County

In February 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Tamara J. Brantley** (CP60029637) with unprofessional conduct for admitted use of cocaine and failing to respond to department inquiries about the drug use.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant and Counselor Programs charged registered nursing assistant and agency affiliated counselor **Teresa Jean Campbell** (NA00097240, CG60159143) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly appeared intoxicated at work, tested positive for alcohol, and was fired for failure to maintain sobriety.

Out of State

Oregon: In February 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Ronda Susan Rose** (HC60108767) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault, and aiming or discharging firearms.

Oregon: In February 2012 the Marriage and Family Therapist Program entered into an agreed order with marriage and family therapist **Susan Spillane-Bramlette** (LF00001909). She provided therapy to a client without written consent to treatment, failed to provide separate personal/medical information for a client, revealed information about counseling sessions with a client without a signed information release, and contacted a client and asked the client to provide her with a written message in support of her breach of confidentiality.

Virginia: In February 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional **Linda F. Schauer** (CP60109882).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, <u>find us on Facebook</u> and <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.